



# **HOOSIERS NUMBERS**

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

# **Economic Growth Region 6**

Statistical Data Report for March 2014, Released April 2014

### Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in March. Twenty-one states had unemployment rate decreases, 17 states and the District of Columbia had increases, and 12 states had no change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Forty-six states and the District of Columbia had unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier and four states had increases. The national jobless rate was unchanged from February at 6.7 percent but was 0.8 percentage point lower than in March 2013.

Rhode Island had the highest unemployment rate among the states in March, 8.7 percent. The next highest rates were in Nevada and Illinois, 8.5 percent and 8.4 percent, respectively. North Dakota again had the lowest jobless rate, 2.6 percent. In total, 24 states had unemployment rates significantly lower than the U.S. figure of 6.7 percent, five states had measurably higher rates, and 21 states and the District of Columbia had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

| March 2014 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted) |                |             |            |                     |                     |                     |  |
|--|----------------|-------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| Area   | Labor<br>Force | Employed    | Unemployed | Mar<br>2014<br>Rate | Feb<br>2014<br>Rate | Mar<br>2013<br>Rate |  |
| U.S.   | 155,627,000    | 145,090,000 | 10,537,000 | 6.8%                | 7.0%                | 7.6%                |  |
| IN   | 3,197,360      | 2,997,519   | 199,841    | 6.3%                | 6.9%                | 8.2%                |  |
| EGR 6  | 157,204        | 146,312     | 10,892     | 6.9%                | 7.7%                | 9.3%                |  |
| Muncie MSA   | 54,192         | 50,339      | 3,853      | 7.1%                | 7.8%                | 9.3%                |  |
| Blackford Co.  | 6,023          | 5,612       | 411        | 6.8%                | 7.6%                | 9.6%                |  |
| Delaware Co.   | 54,192         | 50,339      | 3,853      | 7.1%                | 7.8%                | 9.3%                |  |
| Fayette Co.  | 8,983          | 8,241       | 742        | 8.3%                | 7.8%                | 11.3%               |  |
| Henry Co.  | 22,122         | 20,562      | 1,560      | 7.1%                | 7.9%                | 9.5%                |  |
| Jay Co.  | 11,024         | 10,426      | 598        | 5.4%                | 6.2%                | 7.4%                |  |
| Randolph Co.   | 12,664         | 11,778      | 886        | 7.0%                | 8.2%                | 9.7%                |  |
| Rush Co.   | 8,828          | 8,335       | 493        | 5.6%                | 6.0%                | 7.4%                |  |
| Union Co.  | 3,308          | 3,101       | 207        | 6.3%                | 7.0%                | 8.8%                |  |
| Wayne Co.  | 30,060         | 27,918      | 2,142      | 7.1%                | 7.8%                | 9.6%                |  |
| Connersville   | 4,723          | 4,301       | 422        | 8.9%                | 9.8%                | 12.6%               |  |
| Muncie   | 31,376         | 29,109      | 2,267      | 7.2%                | 7.9%                | 9.3%                |  |
| New Castle   | 7,644          | 7,040       | 604        | 7.9%                | 8.6%                | 9.9%                |  |
| Richmond   | 15,329         | 14,205      | 1,124      | 7.3%                | 7.9%                | 9.1%                |  |

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Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics



# Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6

Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union, and Wayne Counties.

# Unemployment Rates by State, March 2014 (seasonally adjusted)

U.S - 6.7%

Illinois - 8.4%

**Indiana - 5.9%** 

Kentucky - 7.9%

Michigan - 7.5%

Ohio - 6.1%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

### Unemployment Rank by County, March 2014 (high to low)

#04 - Fayette - 8.3%

#22 - Delaware - 7.1%

#25 - Henry - 7.1%

#28 - Wayne - 7.1%

#31 - Randolph - 7.0%

#34 - Blackford - 6.8%

#45 - Union - 6.3%

#70 - Rush - 5.6%

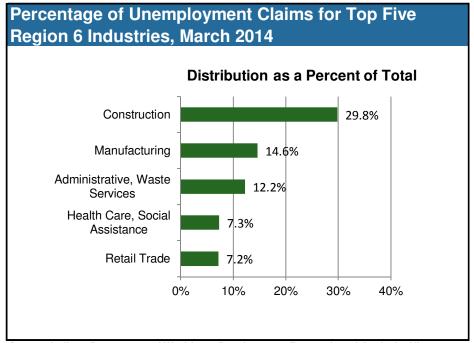
#73 - Jay - 5.4%

Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

| Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change),<br>Unadjusted Percent Change to March 2014 from: |                 |        |        |        |  |  |  |
|---|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|--|
| CPI Item  | Mar-13          | Feb-14 | Mar-13 | Feb-14 |  |  |  |
|   | Midwest Region* |        | U.S.   | City   |  |  |  |
| All Items   | 1.5%            | 0.9%   | 1.5%   | 0.6%   |  |  |  |
| Food & Beverages  | 1.8%            | 0.4%   | 1.7%   | 0.3%   |  |  |  |
| Housing   | 2.6%            | 0.6%   | 2.8%   | 0.5%   |  |  |  |
| Apparel   | 1.4%            | 2.5%   | 0.5%   | 2.7%   |  |  |  |
| Transportation  | -1.1%           | 2.7%   | -1.2%  | 1.8%   |  |  |  |
| Medical Care  | 3.1%            | 0.5%   | 2.2%   | 0.1%   |  |  |  |
| Recreation  | 0.0%            | -0.1%  | 0.3%   | 0.1%   |  |  |  |
| Education & Communication   | 1.6%            | 0.4%   | 1.1%   | 0.1%   |  |  |  |
| Other Goods & Services  | 2.1%            | 0.2%   | 1.9%   | 0.2%   |  |  |  |

\*Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, UI Statistics

### **WARN Notices**

| WARN Notices for Region 6 - March 2014 |        |          |                  |                    |  |  |
|--|--------|----------|------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Company                                | City   | County   | Affected Workers | <b>Notice Date</b> |  |  |
| Hickory Creek<br>Healthcare            | Gaston | Delaware | 91               | 3/17/2014          |  |  |

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, WARN Notices
For information on WARN Act requirements, you may go to the U.S.
Department of Labor Employment Training Administration Fact Sheet:
<a href="http://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm">http://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm</a>

**Unemployment Claims, March 2014** 

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#### **Initial Claims**

March 1st 2014 – 193 (D)

March 8th 2014 – 180 (D)

March 15th 2014 – 166 (D)

March 22nd 2014 – 178 (D)

March 29th 2014 – 180 (D)

#### **Continued Claims**

March 1st 2014 - 2,473

March 8th 2014 - 2.359

March 15th 2014 - 2.258

March 22nd 2014 - 2,184

March 29th 2014 - 2,288

#### **Total Claims**

March 1st 2014 - 2,666

March 8th 2014 - 2,359

March 15th 2014 - 2,258

March 22nd 2014 - 2,184

March 29th 2014 - 2,468

#### State of Indiana

#### **Initial Claims**

March 1st 2014 - 4,244

March 8th 2014 - 4,073

March 15th 2014 - 3.680

March 22nd 2014 - 3,509

March 29th 2014 - 3,454

### **Continued Claims**

March 1st 2014 - 46,213

March 8th 2014 - 44,882

March 15th 2014 - 42,638

March 22nd 2014 - 41,829

March 29th 2014 - 42,514

### **Total Claims**

March 1st 2014 - 50,467

March 8th 2014 - 48,955

March 15th 2014 - 46,316

March 22nd 2014 - 45,338

March 29th 2014 - 45,968

\*Total claims include EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation). Claims data are updated weekly, including revisions to claims counts for the preceding four weeks Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, UI Statistics

| Muncie MSA Wage and Salaried Employment, March 2014 |        |        |        |          |          |          |          |
|---|--------|--------|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|   |        |        |        | Number   | Percent  | Number   | Percent  |
|   |        |        |        | Change   | Change   | Change   | Change   |
| Industry  | Mar-14 | Feb-14 | Mar-13 | Feb-14 t | o Mar-14 | Mar-13 t | o Mar-14 |
| Total Nonfarm Employment                            | 51,100 | 50,800 | 51,400 | 300      | 0.6%     | -300     | -0.6%    |
| Total Private Employment                            | 37,100 | 36,900 | 36,800 | 200      | 0.5%     | 300      | 0.8%     |
| Goods Producing                                     | 5,400  | 5,200  | 5,400  | 200      | 3.9%     | 0        | 0.0%     |
| Service Providing                                   | 45,700 | 45,600 | 46,000 | 100      | 0.2%     | -300     | -0.7%    |
| Private Service Providing                           | 31,700 | 31,700 | 31,400 | 0        | 0.0%     | 300      | 1.0%     |
| - Mining, Logging and Construction                  | 1,300  | 1,200  | 1,200  | 100      | 8.3%     | 100      | 8.3%     |
| - Manufacturing                                     | 4,100  | 4,000  | 4,200  | 100      | 2.5%     | -100     | -2.4%    |
| - Trade, Transportation and Utilities               | 8,700  | 8,700  | 8,600  | 0        | 0.0%     | 100      | 1.2%     |
| Wholesale Trade                                     | 1,000  | 1,000  | 1,000  | 0        | 0.0%     | 0        | 0.0%     |
| Retail Trade  | 6,300  | 6,300  | 6,300  | 0        | 0.0%     | 0        | 0.0%     |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities           | 1,400  | 1,400  | 1,300  | 0        | 0.0%     | 100      | 7.7%     |
| - Information                                       | 300    | 300    | 300    | 0        | 0.0%     | 0        | 0.0%     |
| - Financial Activities                              | 2,400  | 2,500  | 2,500  | -100     | -4.0%    | -100     | -4.0%    |
| - Education and Health<br>Services                  | 8,400  | 8,500  | 8,700  | -100     | -1.2%    | -300     | -3.5%    |
| - Leisure and Hospitality                           | 5,000  | 4,800  | 4,900  | 200      | 4.2%     | 100      | 2.0%     |
| - Other Services                                    | 1,800  | 1,800  | 1,800  | 0        | 0.0%     | 0        | 0.0%     |
| Government  | 14,000 | 13,900 | 14,600 | 100      | 0.7%     | -600     | -4.1%    |
| - State Government                                  | 9,400  | 9,300  | 10,400 | 100      | 1.1%     | -1,000   | -9.6%    |
| State Government<br>Educational Services            | 9,200  | 9,100  | 10,200 | 100      | 1.1%     | -1,000   | -9.8%    |
| State Government Excluding Education                | 200    | 200    | 200    | 0        | 0.0%     | 0        | 0.0%     |
| - Local Government                                  | 3,900  | 3,900  | 4,000  | 0        | 0.0%     | -100     | -2.5%    |
| Local Government Educational Services               | 2,400  | 2,400  | 2,500  | 0        | 0.0%     | -100     | -4.0%    |
| Local Government Excluding Educational              | 1,500  | 1,500  | 1,500  | 0        | 0.0%     | 0        | 0.0%     |

Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

### **Applicant Pool**

#### Top 20 Occupations Desired by Active Applicants on Their Resumes in the Past 12 Months

- 1 Customer Service Representatives - 395
- 2 Helpers--Production Workers - 357
- 3 Office Clerks, General 263
- 4 Cashiers 201
- 5 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand - 195
- 6 Administrative Services Managers - 174
- 7 Nursing Assistants 155
- 8 Team Assemblers 120
- 9 Construction Laborers 113
- 10 Manufacturing Production Technicians - 111
- 11 Secretaries and
  Administrative Assistants,
  Except Legal, Medical, and
  Executive 108
- 12 Receptionists and Information Clerks 105
- 13 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General - 99
- **14** Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks 97
- 15 Retail Salespersons 88
- 16 Accountants 82
- 17 Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants 81
- 18 First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers - 79
- 19 Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard - 77
- 20 Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses - 72

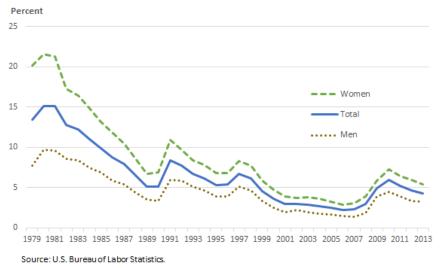
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

# Minimum Wage Workers Account for 4.3 Percent of Hourly Paid Workers in 2013

(Excerpted from the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, The Editor's Desk — April 03, 2014)

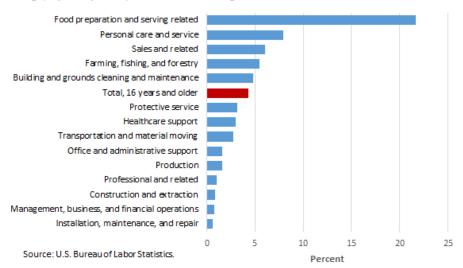
In 2013, there were 3.3 million hourly paid workers in the United States with wages at or below the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour. These workers made up 4.3 percent of the 75.9 million workers age 16 and over who were paid at hourly rates.

# Percentage of hourly paid workers with earnings at or below the federal minimum wage, by sex, 1979–2013 annual averages



The percentage of hourly paid workers earning the federal minimum wage or less declined from 4.7 percent in 2012 to 4.3 percent in 2013. This remains well below the figure of 13.4 percent in 1979, when data were first collected on a regular basis.

# Percentage of hourly paid workers with earnings at or below the federal minimum wage, by occupation, 2013 annual averages



These data are from the Current Population Survey. For more information, see *Characteristics of Minimum Wage Workers, 2013*. Data are for wage and salary workers age 16 and older and refer to earnings on a person's sole or principal job. Hourly earnings for hourly paid workers do not include overtime pay, commissions, or tips received. The estimates of the number of workers with reported earnings at or below the federal minimum wage pertain only to workers who are paid hourly rates. Salaried workers and other non-hourly paid workers are excluded. All self-employed persons also are excluded, regardless of whether their businesses are incorporated.

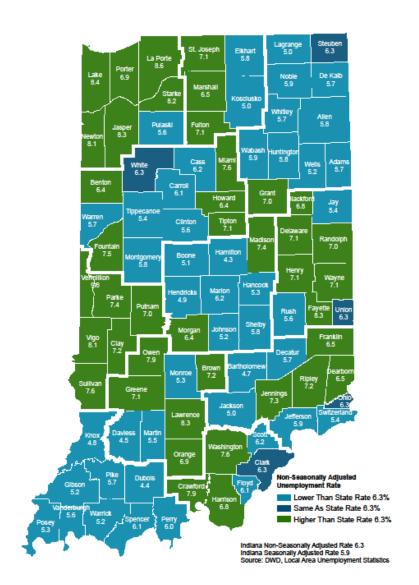
#### **Frequently Listed Jobs**

Top 20 Job listings by number of openings in Region 6 for the month of March 2014

- Demonstrators and Product Promoters
- 2 Customer Service Representatives
- 3 Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
- 4 Helpers--Production Workers
- 5 Personal Care Aides
- 6 Manufacturing Production Technicians
- 7 Retail Salespersons
- 8 Helpers--Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers
- 9 Stock Clerks, Sales Floor
- 10 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- 11 Nursing Assistants
- 12 Foundry Mold and Coremakers
- 13 Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers
- **14** Security Guards
- 15 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers. Hand
- 16 Human Resources
  Specialists
- 17 Insurance Sales Agents
- 18 Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters
- 19 Cooks, Restaurant
- 20 Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

## **County Unemployment Rates March 2014**





### **Questions?**

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